

Nansha Golf Event (Valley Course)

Friday 10th March

The Valley Course at Nansha is debatably the easier of the two courses, with the Mountain course requiring a buggy and some very well placed drives to prevent your ball from rolling off the heavily undulated fairways.

The front nine of the Valley comprises of a steady incline within the first three holes but with incredibly undulating greens, with the 5th hole having the most severe back to front rolling green I've seen in a long time.

The back nine of the Valley is flat in comparison, the fairways and greens generally level but with much more water and narrow fairways which makes precision golf essential.

There were nine players participating in this event, with the three pairings comprising of myself, **Jonny Brock** and **JP Cuvelier** in the first group, followed by **Albert Lam** and **James Keung**, and in the last group were **Shauna** and **Owen Davis** playing with **Joseph** and **Rebecca Wong**.

The competition for 1st, 2nd and 3rd stableford points was being played for as well as nearest pins on all par 3's and longest drive on hole 10.

With plenty of time before our tee off, a few players took use of the excellent practice facilities while others sampled the freshly home-made wonton noodle soup which was large enough to feed two people.

Albert and **James** teed off first as they were taking the earlier ferry back to HK, which in hindsight was a sensible choice as a heavy fog started to roll in as the day progressed.

Our 3-ball was second to tee off and we all played a very competitive match with **Jonny** and **JP** battling it out to win the best stableford points. **Jonny** managed to accumulate 38 points but **JP** just pipped him with 39 points after 18 holes.

Last to tee off were **Shauna** and **Owen**, and **Rebecca** and **Joseph**. **Rebecca** was in her element with the undulating greens and precision ball placement and managed to top the best stableford score with 41 points.

With still three hours before our scheduled ferry back to HK, **Jonny** and I decided to play the front nine again which made the day's golf even more worthwhile as the nine hole rate was very reasonably priced.

There was an even spread of winners across all competition categories, results were as follows:

Nearest pins and Longest drive

NP 3 **Joseph Wong**
 NP 8 **Rebecca Wong**
 NP 13 **Owen Davis**
 NP 17 **Phil Head**
 LDM 10 **Jonny Brock**
 LDW 10 **Rebecca Wong**

Stableford Winners

1st **Rebecca Wong** 41 points
 2nd **JP Cuvelier** 39 points
 3rd **Jonny Brock** 38 points

Best Gross

Phil Head 83

With the fog now very heavy at the Nansha port, our ferry back to HK was delayed by an hour but we didn't let that spoil our day as we managed to savour a few drinks from the



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The boys



Duty Free shop to help pass the time.

See you all at the next event. ■ **Phil Head**



Jonny ripping into the 220 yards par 3

Kau Sai Chau East Golf Event

Tuesday 21st March

We lucked out with the weather on this event as the days prior and after were miserably wet and cold, but somehow the skies cleared and the sun was shining with temperature reaching 28 degrees in Sai Kung which made golfing an absolute delight.

Jonny Brock was up to his usual tricks of trying to persuade our group to play off the blue tees (which I stupidly agreed to) as well as play a rather complicated yet fun game of Casino on top of the usual battle for best stableford points.

We were the first group of players to tee off, which also included **Terry Wright** and **Dallas Reid**, both were smart enough to play off the white tees. Playing off the blues made most of our tee shots very tricky indeed, and as the wind picked up, I found a few of them disappear into the sea and the par 3's were now 220 yards long over nothing but water instead of the slightly easier 120 yard wedges into the greens that the guys of the white tees were playing. But the views from the blue

tees were spectacular so it was well worth it.

Second to tee off were **Alistair Murray**, **Guy Devenish** and **Mike Button**. With plenty of experience from this trio, we were expecting some competitive scores to be handed in and **Mike's** 31 points was looking good for a while as the first score cards were handed in.

Third to tee off were **Alan Homeming**, **Nick Allen** and the fierce competitor **JP Cuvelier**, who has won several of our recent golf outings. With such glorious golfing conditions, I was positive that **JP** and **Nick** might appear somewhere on the leader board.

Last off were the social grouping of **Dominic** and **Angela Koo** playing with **Johnny Lam** who all came off the course looking very hot but very happy with the day's golfing in near mid summer conditions.

But it was **Dallas** who was shining on the course that day, with a total of three birdies which could have easily been six and shooting only two over par, carded 40 stableford points to take the crown for this event.

The overall scores were as follows:

Stableford winners

1st	Dallas Reid	41 points
2nd	JP Cuvelier	39 points
3rd	Terry Wright	34 points

Best Gross

Jonny Brock 78

Nearest pins and Longest drive

NP 3	Ali Murray
NP 5	JP Cuvelier
NP 8	Terry Wright
NP 13	Ali Murray
NP 15	JP Cuvelier
LDM	Terry Wright
LDW	No winner

Thanks to **Jonny** for introducing a new and fun format of golf called Casino, not sure I understand all the rules but it seemed fun at the time of play.

See you all at the next event.

Happy golfing.

■ **Phil Head**

